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Summary

At its thirty-second session, the Statistical Commission adopted the draft manual on statistics of international trade in services that had been prepared by the inter-agency Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services, and recommended that the Task Force continue its work, focusing on the proposed users' manual on data collection as the next step.

In following up the coordination of development indicators in the context of follow-up to United Nations conferences and summits, including capacity-building, the Commission:

(a) Accepted the invitation by the Economic and Social Council to serve as the intergovernmental focal point for the review of conference indicators, and considered this work as a welcome opportunity to contribute its technical expertise to the ongoing debate on indicators;

(b) Agreed with the work programme proposed by the United Nations Statistics Division for the implementation of Council resolution 2000/27, as outlined in annex II of document E/CN.3/2001/16, in particular the formation of a friends of the Chair advisory group, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Statistical Commission, to technically validate the conference indicators, elaborate recommendations for a limited list of indicators and make proposals for a mechanism of statistical review of future indicators;

(c) Expressed its doubts that a single limited set of indicators could satisfy the various national, regional and specialized sectoral needs, and emphasized the need for flexibility.

The Commission reviewed the ongoing work that groups of countries and international organizations are undertaking in various fields of economic, social and environment statistics. In particular, the Commission:

(a) Endorsed the human settlements statistics programme as presented in the report by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), including the quinquennial cycle for data collection and dissemination, and encouraged Habitat to convene, in consultation with the United Nations Statistics Division, an expert group meeting to evaluate existing methodologies and data-collection and dissemination instruments, as well as concepts and sources of city statistics;

(b) Welcomed the initiatives of the Division in the measurement of paid and unpaid work, in particular the development of a guide to producing statistics on time use for measuring paid and unpaid work and the web site on time-use surveys, and endorsed the outline for the guide, subject to suggestions made by the Commission;

(c) Endorsed the proposed new approach developed by the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts for the assessment of the extent to which the System of National Accounts, 1993 has been implemented;

(d) Welcomed the progress that has been made in the areas of household income statistics, capital stock statistics, price statistics, social statistics and the labour statistics supplement to the tourism satellite account, and gave specific directions in several of these areas, in particular regarding presentational aspects of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Manual on Consumer Price Indices, the

process and timing of revision of the System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting, the long and short-term goals of the Siena Group for Social Statistics, and the focus of the ILO work on a labour accounting system;

(e) Reaffirmed its support for a credible International Comparison Programme (ICP), welcomed the efforts of the World Bank in developing its project proposal for a global Programme, and restated its concerns about securing the necessary funding for the success of the Programme.

The Commission agreed with the proposed work programme and time frame for updating the International Standard Industrial Classification for All Economic Activities and the Central Product Classification by 2002 and for planning their revision by 2007, stressed the importance of reaching convergence of major activity classifications by 2007, and provided specific directions for the work of the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications.

The Commission welcomed the progress made towards completion of the handbook of statistical organization, and stressed that the handbook should be applicable to all regions and all levels of statistical development.

The Commission took note of the progress made by the United Nations Statistics Division on three web sites on: (a) the global integrated presentation of the work of the international organizations in statistical methodology; (b) good practices in official statistics; and (c) the United Nations Economic and Social Information System common database for global statistics.

The Commission expressed its deep appreciation for the report of the Friends of the Chair, entitled "An assessment of the statistical criticisms made of the *Human Development Report, 1997*", which it considered thorough, balanced and fair, and warmly welcomed the response of the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme to the report, in which the Office had outlined a number of positive developments in relation to statistical aspects of the *Human Development Report*.

In relation to the planned work of the United Nations Statistics Division, the Commission endorsed the proposed draft programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003, the priorities proposed by the Director of the Division and the list of expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the Division in 2001. It took note of the activities undertaken and planned under the Development Account and the new initiative in building capacity in household surveys, particularly in Africa.

In relation to general coordination and integration concerns, the Commission restated its view that (a) the international statistical agencies should pay adequate attention to coordination and integration of their work; (b) the integrated programme of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Statistical Office of the European Communities, as well as the global integrated presentation of the work of the international organizations in statistical methodology, are important tools for coordination and integration; and (c) programme reviews of selected fields of statistics should be carried out.

The Commission considered the follow-up to the agreed conclusions of the Economic and Social Council's high-level and coordination segments and to its resolutions of 2000, and considered that the actions taken are consistent with the

Council's requests and adequately reflect the relevant work being undertaken and planned by the Commission and the United Nations Statistics Division.

The Commission took note of existing statistical programmes in relation to selected United Nations special years and observances, and of the activities of other functional commissions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission.

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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decision

1. The Statistical Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Statistical Commission

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-second session;

(b) Decides that the thirty-third session of the Commission shall be held in New York from 5 to 8 March 2002;

(c) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Commission as set out below.

Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-third session of the Statistical Commission

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session

Note by the Secretariat on the state of preparation of documentation for the session

3. Demographic and social statistics:

(a) Population and housing censuses;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(b) Paris Group on Labour and Compensation (city group);

Documentation

Report of the Paris Group

(c) Rio Group on Poverty Statistics (city group);

Documentation

Report of the Rio Group

(d) Siena Group for Social Statistics (city group);

Documentation

Report of the Siena Group

(e) Health statistics.

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

Documentation

Report of the Task Force on National Accounts

(b) Round Table on Business Survey Frames (city group);

Documentation

Report of the Round Table

(c) Public finance accounting;

(d) International Comparison Programme;

Documentation

Report of the World Bank on plans for the global International Comparison Programme

(e) Ottawa Group on Price Statistics (city group);

Documentation

Report of the Ottawa Group

(f) Intersecretariat Group on Price Statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Intersecretariat Group

(g) Delhi Group on Informal Sector Statistics (city group);

Documentation

Report of the Delhi Group

(h) Voorburg Group on Service Statistics (city group).

Documentation

Report of the Voorburg Group

5. Natural resources and environment statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting

Draft revised System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting

6. Statistical capacity-building.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

7. Activities not classified by field:

(a) International economic and social classifications;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

Report of Canada, the Statistical Office of the European Communities and the United States of America on greater convergence between the North American Industry Classification System and the Nomenclature statistique des activités économiques dans la Communauté européenne

Draft update of the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities, Revision

Draft update of the Central Product Classification, Version 1

(b) The Special Data Dissemination Standard and the General Data Dissemination System;

Documentation

Report of the International Monetary Fund

(c) Use of extensible mark-up language for transmitting statistics;

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Office of the European Communities, the International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

(d) Information technology (E-commerce) and statistics;

(e) Dissemination of statistics by the United Nations Statistics Division;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(f) Coordination of development indicators;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General

(g) Meeting the needs for statistics of human development;

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Development Programme

(h) Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions;

(i) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on coordination of statistical data collection from countries

Report of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirty-fifth (2001) session

(j) Programme questions (United Nations Statistics Division).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the work programme and medium-term plan of the Division

8. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-fourth session

Note by the Secretary-General containing the draft multi-year programme of work for the Statistical Commission, 2002-2005

Note by the Secretary-General on activities of the functional commissions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission

9. Report of the Commission on its thirty-third session.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The attention of the Council is drawn to the decisions and recommendations of the Commission (see paras. 5, 8, 11, 14, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 37, 40, 44, 47, 51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 67 and 69).

Chapter II
Demographic and social statistics

A. Human settlements statistics

3. The Commission considered item 3 (a) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 6 March 2001. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on human settlements statistics (E/CN.3/2001/2).

4. At the 1st meeting, on 6 March, the representatives of Habitat and the United Nations Statistics Division made introductory statements. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. The representative of Habitat responded to queries. The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division made a number of clarifications.

Action taken by the Commission

5. The Commission:

(a) Endorsed the human settlements statistics programme as presented in the Habitat report, including the quinquennial cycle for data collection and dissemination; took note of the necessity and stressed the importance of reviewing and enhancing the quality of human settlements statistics, bearing in mind the cross-country comparison difficulties in this field, and of more fully utilizing census data; and pointed out the very considerable obstacles to international agreement on standards in housing, housing conditions and human settlements development;

(b) Encouraged Habitat to convene, in consultation with the United Nations Statistics Division, an expert group meeting to evaluate existing methodologies and data-collection and dissemination instruments, as well as concepts and sources of city statistics;

(c) Recognized the work on the development of more dynamic city indicators on such topics as environment, urban poverty and informal sector economic activities, which would also provide for targeting differentials within a city.

B. Labour statistics supplement to the tourism satellite account

6. The Commission considered item 3 (b) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 7 March 2001. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Bureau of Statistics of the International Labour Organization (ILO) entitled "Developing a labour accounting system for tourism: issues and approaches" (E/CN.3/2001/3).

7. At the 4th meeting, on 7 March, the representative of ILO made an introductory statement. Additional statements were made by the representative of Australia and by the observers for New Zealand, the Netherlands and Denmark. The representative of ILO made a concluding statement.

Action taken by the Commission

8. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the report of ILO and expressed support for the continuation of work on a labour accounting system;

(b) Took note of the difficulties of applying the general framework of labour accounting to such an industry as tourism. It suggested focusing first on the further development of the general labour accounting system.

C. Gender statistics: progress on time-use surveys

9. The Commission considered item 3 (c) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 6 March 2001. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the progress of a project on gender issues in the measurement of paid and unpaid work (E/CN.3/2001/4).

10. At the 1st meeting, on 6 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia, India and the United States and by the observers for the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Canada, Italy, Finland and Oman; by the observer for Palestine; by the representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA); and by the representative of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat).

Action taken by the Commission

11. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the initiatives of the United Nations Statistics Division in the measurement of paid and unpaid work, in particular the development of the guide to producing statistics on time use for measuring paid and unpaid work and the web site on time-use surveys;

(b) Noted the value of time-use statistics, not only for issues related to gender but also more broadly for quality-of-life concerns, social accounting, care of the elderly, estimates of the workforce and total work accounts;

(c) Endorsed the outline for the guide, subject to suggestions made by the Commission, and raised a number of specific issues related to the design and methods of time-use surveys that the guide should address, including the effect of resources and other constraints; considerations related to sampling; non-response rates; respondent burden; the use of information technology; and ensuring the consistency of the classification with the System of National Accounts. Considerations related to the dissemination and use of time-use statistics, including in the valuation of unpaid work, have also been raised. Many countries have expressed interest in sharing the results of their work and continuing to collaborate with the Division in the development of the guide.

D. Siena Group for Social Statistics

12. The Commission considered item 3 (d) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 6 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Siena Group for Social Statistics (E/CN.3/2001/5);

(b) Background document containing the report of the Canberra Group on Household Income Statistics;

(c) Background document containing the final report and recommendations of the Canberra Group.

13. At the 1st meeting, on 6 March, the observer for the Netherlands, which is the secretariat of the Siena Group, made an introductory statement. A statement was made by the representative of Australia on the report of the Canberra Group. Additional statements were made by the representative of the United Kingdom and the observers for Canada and the Netherlands; by the observer for Palestine; and by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Action taken by the Commission

14. The Commission:

(a) Stressed the importance of the Siena Group for Social Statistics for reviewing and enhancing the programme of social statistics and indicators, bearing in mind the cross-cutting nature of this work;

(b) Noted that the Siena Group potentially provides future leadership for addressing public policy;

(c) Requested that the Siena Group provide a clear and focused document, stating the priority areas, covering both short- and long-term goals, necessary to ensure that its objectives are both clear and attainable;

(d) Welcomed the proposal by the current secretariat of the Siena Group to prepare a written statement of the short-term and long-term goals of the Siena Group for circulation and finalization in a few months' time.

15. The Commission welcomed the final report of the Canberra Group on Household Income Statistics, and thanked that Group for its significant contribution in this field of statistics.

E. Social statistics

16. The Commission considered item 3 (e) of its agenda in conjunction with item 6 (c) (see chap. V, sect. C).

Chapter III
Economic statistics

A. National accounts

17. The Commission considered item 4 (a) of its agenda at its 2nd meeting, on 6 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Task Force on National Accounts (E/CN.3/2001/7);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the implementation of the System of National Accounts, 1993 (E/CN.3/2001/8).

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 March, the representatives of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations Statistics Division made introductory statements. Additional statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, Hungary, the United States, Germany, Japan, the Czech Republic, the Russian Federation, Australia, Iceland, Morocco, Mexico and China, and by the observer for the Republic of Korea; by the representative of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA); by the representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF); and by the representatives of OECD and the Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne.

Action taken by the Commission

19. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed and endorsed the proposed new approach developed by the Intersecretariat Working Group on National Accounts (ISWGNA) for the assessment of the extent to which the System of National Accounts, 1993 (1993 SNA) has been implemented. It consists of three dimensions: (i) scope of the accounts, (ii) conceptual compliance and (iii) quality issues. The previous milestones corresponded only to the "scope" dimension of the new approach;

(b) Supported the definition of the new scope of the accounts, consisting of three data sets (minimum, recommended, other) for assessing the broad coverage of national accounts in various regions. It agreed that the three data sets should be referred to by more neutral names;

(c) While the Commission did not decide whether the three data sets should be considered as a replacement for or a supplement to the six milestones used over the past few years, it recognized that both methods provide sufficient information to identify countries and regions which need technical assistance in 1993 SNA implementation;

(d) Recognized that for the time being, only an assessment of the first data set and after 2003 of the second data set can be conducted by the United Nations Statistics Division due to the transitional status of the new national accounts database;

(e) Concluded that there is no simple solution to the problem of improving the effectiveness of electronic discussion groups. The priority of the issue at stake,

the existence of a group with special interest in the topic and the method used to communicate when updates to such groups have taken place appear to be key factors in determining the extent to which an electronic discussion group is effective;

(f) Encouraged ISWGNA to review the treatment of intangible assets and report back to it in 2002.

(g) Expressed satisfaction with the ISWGNA proposal regarding the clearance of manuals or handbooks developed by "city groups" and containing concepts which diverge from those in the 1993 SNA (i.e., to include a chapter or annex explicitly showing each such divergence and the underlying reasons);

(h) Requested that ISWGNA make a decision as quickly as possible on the national accounting treatment of mobile phone licences.

B. Expert Group on Capital Stock Statistics

20. The Commission considered item 4 (b) of its agenda at its 2nd meeting, on 6 March 2001. It had before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on Capital Stock Statistics (E/CN.3/2001/9).

21. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 March, the representative of Australia made an introductory statement. An additional statement was made by the representative of IMF.

Action taken by the Commission

22. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the publication of a handbook on the measurement of capital stocks and flows scheduled for mid-2001;

(b) Noted that the Expert Group will continue to function electronically to discuss concepts and practices in the measurement of capital stocks and flows.

C. Statistics of international trade in services

23. The Commission considered item 4 (c) of its agenda at its 2nd meeting, on 6 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services (E/CN.3/2001/10);

(b) Draft manual on statistics of international trade in services (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/86);

(c) Background note prepared by the World Tourism Organization on the draft manual on international trade in services;

(d) Background document on the response of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services to the above-mentioned background note.

24. At the 2nd meeting, on 6 March, the representatives of OECD and the World Tourism Organization made introductory statements. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Germany, the United States, Australia, the Czech

Republic and Iceland, and by the observer for New Zealand; by the representative of ESCWA; by the representative of IMF; and by the representative of Eurostat. The representative of OECD responded to questions posed.

Action taken by the Commission

25. The Commission:

(a) Approved the manual prepared by the Task Force on International Trade in Services as an international manual, and commended the Task Force for its work;

(b) Noted the proposal brought forward by the World Tourism Organization, and responded that the detail requested should be elaborated in satellite accounts but not in this particular manual;

(c) Recommended that the Task Force continue its work, focusing on the proposed users' manual on data collection as the next step;

(d) Noted the fact that the implementation of the manual will be a long-term process;

(e) Agreed to the proposal for international data collection on trade in services, as brought forward by the Task Force, noting that full coordination between agencies is required and that implementation of the data collection will also require a phased process.

D. International Comparison Programme

26. The Commission considered item 4 (d) of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 7 March 2001. It had before it a background paper prepared by the World Bank on the implementation plan for the International Comparison Programme (ICP).

27. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 March, the representative of the World Bank made an introductory statement. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Japan, China, Australia, India, the United States, the United Kingdom and Botswana, and by the observers for Canada and Singapore; by the representatives of ESCAP and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC); by the representative of IMF; by the representative of Eurostat; and by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division. The representative of the World Bank responded to questions posed.

Action taken by the Commission

28. The Commission:

(a) Agreed on the fundamental importance of generating high quality purchasing power parities through ICP as a tool for improved comparisons of living standards and recognized the potential of ICP for building national statistical capacity in the areas of prices and national accounts;

(b) Reaffirmed its support for a credible ICP programme and welcomed the efforts of the World Bank in developing its project proposal for a global ICP;

(c) Restated its concerns about securing the necessary funding for the success of the programme. In that context, the Commission requested the World

Bank to follow up on its project proposal and reconsider the amount and duration of funding that is necessary. The Commission requested the international agencies to raise the visibility of this programme and the need for secure funding at the highest levels of their agencies;

(d) Indicated the need for the development of a comprehensive project plan for implementation of the proposed ICP strategy, and requested the World Bank to develop the plan in consultation with the Friends of the Chair;

(e) Affirmed the critical importance of strong project management for the programme;

(f) Requested the existing Friends of the Chair to continue their efforts until the thirty-third session of the Statistical Commission;

(g) Urged members and the specialized agencies to mobilize efforts at the political level to promote support for the project.

E. Ottawa Group on Price Indexes

F. Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics

29. The Commission considered items 4 (e) and 4 (f) of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 7 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indexes (E/CN.3/2001/11);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General submitting the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics (E/CN.3/2001/12).

30. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 March, the representative of Canada made an introductory statement on the Ottawa Group on Price Indexes, and the representative of ILO made an introductory statement on the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Australia and Côte d'Ivoire, and by the observers for New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Poland and Singapore; and by the representative of IMF. The representative of Canada responded to questions posed.

Action taken by the Commission

31. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the progress that the Ottawa Group and the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics have made in their work;

(b) Supported the future work programme of the Ottawa Group, and took note of its joint meeting with the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics scheduled for April 2001;

(c) Noted with satisfaction that the preparation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) manual is in its final stage, allowing maximum coordination and consistency with the producer price index manual;

(d) Stressed the importance of writing the CPI manual in clear language that is consistent with its intended practical use for compiling CPIs and informing users.

Chapter IV

Natural resources and environment statistics: London Group on Environmental Accounting

32. The Commission considered item 5 of its agenda at its 3rd meeting, on 7 March 2001. It had before it a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting (E/CN.3/2001/13).

33. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 March, the representative of Canada made an introductory statement. Additional statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Mexico, Germany, Australia, Iceland and the United Kingdom, and by the observer for the Netherlands; by the representatives of OECD and Eurostat; and by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division.

Action taken by the Commission

34. The Commission:

(a) Acknowledged the progress made in the revision of the System of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounting (SEEA), and at the same time noted delays in the process;

(b) Emphasized the need for the revised SEEA to be published as soon as possible;

(c) Welcomed the announcement of the next meeting of the London Group, to be held in Voorburg in May 2001, with the participation of developing countries from all regions;

(d) Requested that, at that meeting, the London Group reach consensus on issues that need to be resolved and on changes, if any, to be made to the draft handbook discussed in Voorburg;

(e) Recommended that a group of friends of the Chair, comprised of directors or deputy directors of national statistical offices or equivalent, be created to solve any outstanding issues and further steer the process after the final draft is delivered by the London Group to the international agencies at the end of July 2001;

(f) Agreed that an interim version of the handbook be published by all agencies, following unanimous approval by the friends of the Chair;

(g) Recommended that the revised SEEA be submitted to the Statistical Commission for its approval at its thirty-third session, in 2002.

Chapter V
Activities not classified by field

A. International economic and social classifications

35. The Commission considered item 6 (a) of its agenda at its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 7 March 2001. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2001/14).

36. At the 3rd meeting, on 7 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement.

37. At the 4th meeting, on 7 March, statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Germany, China, the United States, Japan and Botswana, and by the observers for Singapore, Canada, Denmark, Mexico and New Zealand; by the representatives of ESCAP and ESA; by the representatives of the World Tourism Organization, UNESCO and the ILO; and by the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division.

Action taken by the Commission

38. The Commission:

(a) Agreed with the proposed work programme and time frame for updating the International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) and the Central Product Classification (CPC) by 2002 and for planning their revision by 2007, and stressed the importance of reaching convergence of major activity classifications by 2007;

(b) Agreed with the suggestions of the Technical Sub-group to the Expert Group on International Economic and Social Classifications in respect of the scope of the changes to ISIC and CPC;

(c) Suggested that the Expert Group consider the possibility of further synchronizing and coordinating the revision of classifications supporting production and trade statistics (e.g., the Central Product Classification, the Harmonized System and the Balance of Payments Classification) so that resulting data becomes more comparable;

(d) Emphasized the need for alternate industry aggregations for analytical purposes;

(e) Recommended that the Expert Group further consider the identification of a useful level of detail for an international classification, possibly expanding in the area of services;

(f) Noted the need to keep developing countries involved in the work process;

(g) Recommended that the high costs of implementing a revised classification be considered in the revision process;

(h) Noted the need for increased activities relating to implementation assistance;

(i) Noted the need for monitoring country implementation of ISIC and CPC;

(j) Requested a more detailed work plan for the 2007 revision of ISIC and CPC.

B. Review of existing statistical programmes in relation to United Nations special years and observances

39. The Commission considered item 6 (b) of its agenda at its 1st meeting, on 6 March 2001. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2001/15).

40. At the 1st meeting, on 6 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

41. The Commission took note of the report.

C. Coordination of development indicators in the context of the follow-up to United Nations conferences and summits

42. The Commission considered item 6 (c) in conjunction with item 3 (e) of its agenda at its 5th meeting, on 8 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on activities and plans of the United Nations Statistics Division and the Statistical Commission in support of the harmonization and rationalization of indicators (E/CN.3/2001/16);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the European Commission, IMF, OECD and the World Bank on strengthening cooperation for statistical capacity-building (E/CN.3/2001/24);

(c) Two background documents, a report on progress in the use of common country assessment indicator frameworks (paper presented at a joint meeting of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), with the participation of the World Food Programme (WFP), held on 26 January 2001) and a provisional comprehensive list of conference follow-up indicators prepared by the United Nations Statistics Division.

43. At the 5th meeting, on 8 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2001/16). Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, Germany, China, India, Hungary and Pakistan, and by the observers for Italy, Canada, Singapore and Jordan; by the observer for Switzerland; by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and ESCAP; and by the representatives of UNICEF and UNFPA. The representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made concluding remarks.

44. At the same meeting, the representative of Botswana introduced the note by the Secretary-General (E/CN.3/2001/24). Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, the United Kingdom, Uganda, Côte d'Ivoire and Peru, and by the observers for South Africa, the Netherlands and Colombia; by the

observer for Switzerland; by the observer for Palestine; by the representative of ECLAC; by the representatives of UNFPA and UNDP; and by the representatives of the World Bank, Eurostat and OECD.

Action taken by the Commission

45. The Commission:

(a) Accepted the invitation by the Economic and Social Council to serve as the intergovernmental focal point for the review of conference indicators, and considered this work as a welcome opportunity to contribute its technical expertise to the ongoing debate on indicators. In this context, the Commission emphasized the importance of the needs (i) for national statistical capacity-building, (ii) for effective user-producer dialogue on indicators and (iii) to reduce the overburdening of countries with data requests;

(b) Agreed with the work programme proposed by the United Nations Statistics Division for the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/27, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General (see E/CN.3/2001/16, annex II), in particular the formation of a friends of the Chair advisory group, to be appointed by the Chairman of the Statistical Commission, to technically validate conference indicators and elaborate recommendations for a limited list of indicators and to make proposals for a mechanism of statistical review of future indicators. The group is expected to present its findings to the Statistical Commission at its next session;

(c) Expressed its doubts, with respect to the limited set of indicators, that a single set could satisfy the various national, regional and specialized sectoral needs, and emphasized the need for flexibility. It recommended that the Friends of the Chair consider the intersection of existing lists of indicators and to explore a layered approach;

(d) Took note of the information provided on the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the Twenty-first Century (PARIS 21) (see E/CN.3/2001/24). Many members of the Commission voiced strong support for the initiative and its objective of strengthening cooperation for statistical capacity-building. The Commission noted the need for further discussions on the work programme, structure, financing and location of PARIS 21. In this connection, some delegations suggested that the integration of the tasks of PARIS 21 into the United Nations system be investigated.

D. Handbook of Statistical Organization

46. The Commission considered item 6 (d) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 7 March 2001.

47. At its 4th meeting, on 7 March, the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Côte d'Ivoire, and by the observers for Spain and Jordan; by the representatives of ECA, ECLAC and ESCWA; and by the representative of IMF. The Director of the United Nations Statistics Division made clarifications on a number of points raised during the discussion.

Action taken by the Commission

48. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the progress made towards the completion of the handbook;

(b) Stressed that the handbook should be applicable to all regions and all levels of statistical development;

(c) Requested that, resources permitting, the United Nations Statistics Division consider conducting workshops on statistical organization in as many regions as possible using the handbook;

(d) Welcomed the offer by the Statistics Division of ESCWA to translate the handbook into Arabic, the offer by the Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques to translate it into French, the offer of Mexico to translate it into Spanish and the offer of ECLAC to investigate the possibilities of assistance from additional (Spanish-speaking) countries.

E. United Nations Development Programme *Human Development Report*

49. The Commission considered item 6 (e) of its agenda at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 8 and 9 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair of the Statistical Commission, entitled "An assessment of the statistical criticisms made of the *Human Development Report, 1999*" (E/CN.3/2001/18);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the report of the Friends of the Chair of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2001/19).

50. At the 5th meeting, on 8 March, the representative of Canada introduced the report of the Friends of the Chair (E/CN.3/2001/18, annex) and the representative of UNDP introduced the report of the Human Development Report Office (E/CN.3/2001/19, annex). Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Hungary, Australia, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, Pakistan and the United States, and by the observers for Singapore and Canada; by the observer for Switzerland; and by the observer for Palestine.

51. At the 6th meeting, on 9 March, the representative of Iceland made a statement. Additional statements were made by the representatives of ECLAC and ESCAP. The Chairman summarized the discussion. Further statements were made by the representative of Iceland and the observer for Canada, and by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division.

Action taken by the Commission

52. The Commission:

(a) Took note of the oral introduction of the report of the Friends of the Chair by Ian Macredie (Canada), Chair of the Friends of the Chair. Mr. Macredie emphasized the need for the application of high statistical professional standards to

the preparation of the *Human Development Report*, particularly because it is so widely used by a variety of audiences, many of whom do not have the technical expertise to critically assess the use of statistics, and who must therefore accept the results on faith. In that regard, he stressed that purchasing power parities (PPP)-based comparisons should be used systematically for most of the analyses in the *Human Development Report* and more extensively than was the case in the 1999 edition;

(b) Took note of a statement made by a representative of the Human Development Report Office, in which she mentioned that the interest that the Statistical Commission had shown in the *Human Development Report* in 2000 had generated a variety of positive developments, including closer links between the Office and statistics-producing agencies, the involvement of a statistical advisory panel, the appointment of a senior statistical adviser, and the rethinking of the structure of the statistical tables in the *Human Development Report* and the procedures for compiling and checking statistical material. In addition, the Office had noted with satisfaction that one of the conclusions of the report of the Friends of the Chair had been that, taking an overview of the entire *Human Development Report* and assessing the deficiencies that could be confirmed, the credibility of the main statistical tables in the *Human Development Report* had not been substantially affected by errors (see E/CN.3/2001/18, para. 62);

(c) Expressed its deep appreciation for the report of the Friends of the Chair, which it considered thorough, balanced and fair;

(d) Warmly welcomed the response of the Human Development Report Office to the report of the Friends of the Chair, and accepted with great pleasure the proposal made by the Office to submit a paper to it at its thirty-third session. The paper will discuss the needs of users of statistics of human development, as well as brief the Commission on the implementation of the report of the Friends of the Chair.

F. Methodological development: global integrated presentation of the work of the international organizations in statistical methodology

53. The Commission considered item 6 (f) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 7 March 2001.

54. At the 4th meeting, on 7 March, a representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

55. The Commission:

(a) Took note of a web site that the United Nations Statistics Division has developed to implement a request made by the Commission at its thirtieth session for a web site on international statistical methodological work. The site offers a searchable database of both completed and ongoing international work on statistical methodology. The various international organizations have agreed to each update their parts of the database, as necessary. The site is linked to another Division web site that is relevant for methodological issues, namely the web site on city groups, which provides links to the various web sites of the individual city groups;

(b) Also took note of the availability of two other web sites that the United Nations Statistics Division has developed:

(i) A web site on good practices in official statistics, a searchable database that now contains hundreds of documents on a wide range of country practices. Countries are encouraged to share their good practices by submitting them to the Division for inclusion in the web site;

(ii) The United Nations Economic and Social Information System common database for global statistics, which includes time series from all the important statistics-producing agencies in the United Nations system.

G. Follow-up to the agreed conclusions of the Economic and Social Council high-level and coordination segments, and to its resolutions

56. The Commission considered item 6 (g) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 7 March 2001. It had before it a report of the Secretary-General containing elements of the agreed conclusions, resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council in 2000 that have relevance to the work of the Statistical Commission, along with an indication of the actions taken and proposed to be taken by the Statistical Commission and the United Nations Statistics Division (E/CN.3/2001/21).

57. At the 4th meeting, on 7 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement.

Action taken by the Commission

58. The Commission agreed that the actions outlined in the document were consistent with the Council's requests and adequately reflected the relevant work being undertaken and planned by the Statistical Commission and the United Nations Statistics Division.

H. Coordination and integration of statistical programmes

59. The Commission considered item 6 (h) of its agenda at its 4th meeting, on 7 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirty-fourth session (E/CN.3/2001/22);

(b) Background document prepared by UNESCO on the activities and proposed plans of the UNESCO Institute for Statistics.

60. At the 4th meeting, on 7 March, the representative of UNESCO made an introductory statement. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire and Australia, and by the observers for the Republic of Korea, Canada and Singapore; and by the representatives of Eurostat and OECD. The representative of UNESCO made some further observations.

Action taken by the Commission

61. The Commission:

(a) Welcomed the UNESCO document and noted the activities and proposed plans;

(b) Restated, in relation to general coordination and integration concerns, its view that (i) the international statistical agencies should pay adequate attention to coordination and integration of their work, (ii) the integrated programme of ECE, OECD and Eurostat and the global integrated presentation of the work of the international organizations in statistical methodology are important tools for coordination and integration, and (iii) programme reviews of selected fields of statistics should be carried out;

(c) Noted current and planned work on the methodology and collection of statistics of electronic commerce at the national and international levels.

I. Programme questions and related matters

62. The Commission considered item 6 (i) of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 9 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the draft programme of work of the United Nations Statistics Division for the biennium 2002-2003 and related information (E/CN.3/2001/CRP.1);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the United Nations Statistics Division in 2001 (E/CN.3/2001/CRP.2);

(c) Medium-term plan for 2002-2005 (A/55/6/Rev.1; relevant extract);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1998-1999 (A/55/73; relevant extract).

63. At its 6th meeting, on 9 March, the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division made an introductory statement. Additional statements were made by the observer for Canada and the Director of the Statistics Division.

Action taken by the Commission

64. The Commission took note of the above-mentioned reports and endorsed the proposed draft programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003, the priorities proposed by the Director of the United Nations Statistics Division, and the list of expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the Division in 2001. It took note of the activities undertaken and planned under the Development Account, the new initiative in building capacity in household surveys, particularly in Africa, and the discontinuation of the microfiches of commodity trade statistics.

Chapter VI

Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-third session of the Commission

65. The Commission considered item 7 of its agenda at its 6th meeting, on 9 March 2001. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-third session of the Commission (E/CN.3/2001/L.3);

(b) Note by the Secretariat on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Commission, 2001-2004 (E/CN.3/2001/L.4);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on activities of the functional commissions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (E/CN.3/2001/L.5).

66. At the 6th meeting, on 9 March, the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made a statement and circulated an informal note, in English only, containing amendments to document E/CN.3/2001/L.3. Additional statements were made by the representatives of Botswana, Hungary, Côte d'Ivoire, Iceland, Morocco and the United Kingdom, and by the observers for Jordan and Singapore; by the representative of UNDP; and by the representative of Eurostat. The Director and the representative of the United Nations Statistics Division made a number of clarifications.

67. At the same meeting, the Commission considered its draft multi-year programme of work for 2001-2004 (E/CN.3/2001/L.4). Statements were made by the representative of Australia and the observer for Canada.

Action taken by the Commission

68. The Commission:

(a) Approved the provisional agenda and documentation for its thirty-third session, as amended (see chap. I, sect. A), subject to review and finalization by the Bureau;

(b) Recommended that its thirty-third session be held in New York from 5 to 8 March 2002;

(c) Approved the multi-year programme of work for the Statistical Commission for 2001-2004, as amended;

(d) Took note of the activities of the functional commissions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission (see E/CN.3/2001/L.5).

Chapter VII

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-second session

69. At its 6th meeting, on 9 March, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Commission (E/CN.3/2000/L.6 and Add.1) and a number of draft texts in English only.

Action taken by the Commission

70. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft report and a number of draft texts in English only, and entrusted the Rapporteur, in consultation with the Secretariat, to finalize the report.

Chapter VIII
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

71. The Statistical Commission held its thirty-second session at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 9 March 2001. The Commission held six meetings (1st to 6th).

72. The session was opened by the temporary Chairman, Guest Charumbira (Botswana).

B. Attendance

73. The session was attended by 24 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and a non-member State, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and observers for intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. The list of participants is continued in annex I.

C. Election of officers

74. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Shigeru **Kawasaki** (Japan)

Vice-Chairmen:
Dennis **Trewin** (Australia)
Guest **Charumbira** (Botswana)
Gilberto **Moncada** (Peru)

Rapporteur:
Victor **Dinculescu** (Romania)

D. Agenda and organization of work

75. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, following a statement by the representative of IMF, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.3/2001/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Demographic and social statistics:
   (a) Human settlements statistics;
   (b) Labour statistics supplement to the tourism satellite account;
   (c) Gender statistics: progress on time-use surveys;

(d) Siena Group for Social Statistics;

(e) Social statistics.

4. Economic statistics:

(a) National accounts;

(b) Expert Group on Capital Stock Statistics;

(c) Statistics of international trade in services;

(d) International Comparison Programme;

(e) Ottawa Group on Price Indexes;

(f) Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics.

5. Natural resources and environment statistics: London Group on Environmental Accounting.

6. Activities not classified by field:

(a) International economic and social classifications;

(b) Review of existing statistical programmes in relation to United Nations special years and observances;

(c) Coordination of development indicators in the context of the follow-up to United Nations conferences and summits;

(d) Handbook of statistical organization;

(e) United Nations Development Programme *Human Development Report*;

(f) Methodological development: global integrated presentation of the work of the international organizations in statistical methodology;

(g) Follow-up to the agreed conclusions of the Economic and Social Council's high-level and coordination segments, and to its resolutions;

(h) Coordination and integration of statistical programmes;

(i) Programme questions and related matters.

7. Provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-third session of the Commission.

8. Report of the Commission on its thirty-second session.

76. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the organization of the work of the session, as orally revised (E/CN.3/2001/L.1).

77. Also at the same meeting, the Commission agreed to the participation at its thirty-second session of the following intergovernmental organizations: Asian Development Bank and Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne.

78. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of Australia, the Commission, recalling Economic and Social Council decision 2001/228 of 26

July 2000, endorsed the clarification contained in document E/CN.3/2001/CRP.3 as sufficient and satisfactory, and decided to inform the Council accordingly.

79. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Cuba made a statement concerning the issuance of a visa to the representative of Cuba to attend the session of the Statistical Commission.

E. Documentation

80. A list of documents before the Commission at its thirty-second session is contained in annex II.

Annex I

Attendance

Members	
Argentina	Osvaldo L. Kacef
Australia	Dennis Trewin, Rob Edwards, Bronwyn Driscoll
Botswana	Guest Charumbira
China	Lin Xianyu, Fang Kuan, Leung Kam-to, Yue Renfeng
Côte d'Ivoire	Ebrahima Ba, Guillaume Bailly Niagri, Idrissa Quattara, Zanga Coulibaly Tingana Siriki
Czech Republic	Marie Bohatá. Zdemel Veselý, Vladimir Egon Ditmar, Jana Simonová
France	Alain Tranap, Christophe Lefranc
Germany	Martin Lutz, Gunter Kopsch, Ruth Wiesebach, Christian Schleithoff
Greece	Nicholas Karavitis, Sophia Balla
Hungary	Tamas Mellar, Csabane Balint, Katalin Kiss Postane, Sador Mozes
Iceland	Hallgrimur Snorrason
India	N. S. Sastry
Jamaica	M. Patricia Durrant, Craig Lawrence, Richard Quarless
Japan	Kenichi Hirayama, Shigeru Kawasaki, Michiko Yamashita, Takao Ito, Joji Sawada, Hideaki Nakamura, Sadae Tate, Atsutane Kamada
Mexico	Antonio Puig-Escudero, Francisco Javier Gutierrez-Guzman, Miguel Cervera-Flores, Francisco Guillen-Martin, Arturo Ponce
Morocco	Mostapha Afkir, Abdellah Zerrou
Pakistan	Mirza Hamid Hasan
Peru	Jorge Valdez, Manuel Picasso, Gilberto Moncada, Alberto Padilla, Augusto Cabrera
Romania	Victor Dinculescu, Radu Felician Halus, Ovidiu Ierulescu
Russian Federation	V. Sokolin, Y. N. Isakov, B. S. Kebesh, B. C. Avramenko, A. E. Kosarev, I. O. Gribok, V. V. Erofeev
Tunisia	Ben Fekih Khalifa
Uganda	John B. Male-Mukasa, B. Kiregyera

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Len Cook, Stephen Penneck, Tony Williams, Mark Runacres, Ian Symons, Beverley Simpson
United States of America	Katherine K. Wallman, Suzann Evinger, J. Steven Landefeld, Rosemary Marcuss, Brian Redman, Katrina Reut

States Members of the United Nations represented by observers

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Jordan, Malta, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Ukraine, Venezuela

Non-member States represented by observers

Switzerland

Entities maintaining permanent observer mission at the United Nations

Palestine

United Nations bodies

United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme, United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, Economic Commission for Africa, Economic Commission for Europe, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Specialized agencies and related organizations

International Labour Organization, Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, World Health Organization, World Trade Organization

Intergovernmental organizations

Commonwealth of Independent States, Organization of the Islamic Conference, World Tourism Organization, African Development Bank, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Pan American Health Organization, Statistical Office of the European Communities

Non-governmental organizations

International Statistical Institute

Annex II

List of documents

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
E/CN.3/2001/1	2	Provisional agenda and annotations
E/CN.3/2001/2	3 (a)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements on human settlements statistics
E/CN.3/2001/3	3 (b)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Bureau of Statistics of the International Labour Organization entitled "Developing a labour accounting system for tourism: issues and approaches"
E/CN.3/2001/4	3 (c)	Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of a project on gender issues in the measurement of paid and unpaid work
E/CN.3/2001/5	3 (d)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Siena Group for Social Statistics
E/CN.3/2001/6	3 (e)	*Not issued*
E/CN.3/2001/7	4 (a)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Task Force on National Accounts
E/CN.3/2001/8	4 (a)	Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the implementation of the System of National Accounts, 1993
E/CN.3/2001/9	4 (b)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Expert Group on Capital Stock Statistics
E/CN.3/2001/10	4 (c)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Task Force on Statistics of International Trade in Services
E/CN.3/2001/11	4 (e)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Ottawa Group on Price Indexes
E/CN.3/2001/12	4 (f)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intersecretariat Working Group on Price Statistics
E/CN.3/2001/13	5	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the London Group on Environmental Accounting
E/CN.3/2001/14	6 (a)	Report of the Secretary-General on international economic and social classifications
E/CN.3/2001/15	6 (b)	Report of the Secretary-General on existing statistical programmes in relation to selected United Nations special years and observances
E/CN.3/2001/16	6 (c)	Report of the Secretary-General on activities and plans of the United Nations Statistics Division and the Statistical Commission in support of the harmonization and rationalization of indicators
E/CN.3/2001/17	6 (d)	*Not issued*
E/CN.3/2001/18	6 (e)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Friends of the Chair of the Statistical Commission, entitled "An assessment of the statistical criticisms made of the *Human Development Report, 1999*"
E/CN.3/2001/19	6 (e)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Human Development Report Office of the United Nations Development Programme concerning the report of the Friends of the Chair of the Statistical Commission
E/CN.3/2001/20	4 (d)	*Not issued*

Document symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title or description*
E/CN.3/2001/21	6 (g)	Report of the Secretary-General on elements of the agreed conclusions of the Economic and Social Council's high-level and coordination segments and of its resolutions and decisions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission
E/CN.3/2001/22	6 (h)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the ACC Subcommittee on Statistical Activities on its thirty-fourth session
E/CN.3/2001/23	6 (h)	*Not issued*
E/CN.3/2001/24	6 (c)	Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the European Commission, the International Monetary Fund, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development and the World Bank on strengthening cooperation for statistical capacity-building
E/CN.3/2001/CPR.1	6 (i)	Note by the Secretariat on the draft programme of work of the United Nations Statistics Division for the biennium 2002-2003 and related information
E/CN.3/2001/CRP.2	6 (i)	Note by the Secretariat on expert group meetings and workshops to be held by the United Nations Statistics Division in 2001
E/CN.3/2001/CRP.3	2	Note by the Secretariat on clarification of the issues raised by the Observer for Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) during the discussion by the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2000, of the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-first session
E/CN.3/2001/L.1	2	Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session
E/CN.3/2000/L.2	2	Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the session
E/CN.3/2001/L.3	7	Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and dates for the thirty-third session of the Commission
E/CN.3/2001/L.4	7	Note by the Secretary-General on the draft multi-year programme of work of the Statistical Commission, 2001-2004
E/CN.3/2001/L.5	7	Note by the Secretary-General on activities of the functional commissions that are relevant to the work of the Statistical Commission
PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/ SER.M/86	4 (c)	Draft manual on statistics of international trade in services
A/55/6/Rev.1	6 (i)	Medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (relevant extract)
A/55/73	6 (i)	Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1998-1999 (relevant extract)

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